

SPEAKER PREVIEW

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Charles J. Ault is a fish and wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His responsibilities with the service include determining the effects of water development projects on fish and wildlife resources and finding ways to avoid or mitigate those effects. The Indiana native came to New Mexico by way of the military. He holds a B.S. in Fishery and Wildlife Sciences from New Mexico State University.

Thomas G. Bahr has been director of the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute since 1978. In 1982-83, he was the director of the Office of Water Policy, which was established to address water issues related to Interior Department responsibilities. Before coming to New Mexico, he was director of the Institute of Water Research at Michigan State University. He holds degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Idaho.

Charles Calhoun is projects superintendent for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Rio Grande Basin Projects Office in Albuquerque. The Mississippi native received a B.S. in engineering from the University of Mississippi. He is a registered professional engineer and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has been with the bureau since 1961. Recently, he was regional supervisor of Water, Land and Power in the Southwest Region, Amarillo.

Richard Allen Cole is an associate professor in New Mexico State University's department of fishery and wildlife sciences. His research includes interdisciplinary modeling of large watersheds, trophic dynamics of reservoirs and interaction of ungulates with stream fisheries. He holds a Ph.D. in zoology from Pennsylvania State University and is a member of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, the American Fishery Society and the North American Benthological Society.

John J. Cunico is chief of planning, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District. He has been with the corps since 1960. His work now is primarily concentrated in the hydrology-hydraulics area and in water resource planning. He was born in Raton, New Mexico, and grew up on the family ranch there. He is a civil engineering graduate of New Mexico State University.

Jeris Danielson is the state engineer for Colorado, Division of Water Resources. He has held that position since 1969. The Colorado native holds a Ph.D. in civil engineering from Colorado State University.

Gary Daves is the policy planner for the City of Albuquerque Public Works Department where his duties include managing City San Juan-Chama Project water. He grew up in

rural New Mexico and graduated with a B.S. in chemistry from Arizona State University. Following graduation he taught chemistry and English in Ethopia with the Peace Corps. While serving with the International Voluntary Services in Vietnam, he was taken prisoner of war during the 1968 Tet offensive. Following his release in 1973, he obtained a law degree from the University of New Mexico. Before taking his present position, he was an attorney for the Albuquerque City Council.

Frank A. DuBois III is the assistant director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture with responsibility for the administration of 33 different laws, which are agricultural and consumer service oriented. He also has responsibility for the department's agricultural programs and resources, marketing and development, agricultural and environmental services, and standards and consumer services. From 1981 to 1983 he was the deputy assistant secretary for Land and Water Resources, Department of the Interior.

Robert M. Findling is the director of planning for the New Mexico Department of Natural Resources where he supervises design, construction and planning activities. He also serves as deputy director of the department's resource management and development division. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design and architecture from the University of Colorado. He has worked for the Washington, D.C. office of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill and the Southern Rio Grande Council of Governments in Las Cruces.

Herbert S. Garn is the subdistrict chief, U.S. Geological Survey/Water Resources Division, Santa Fe. Previously he was a forest hydrologist with the U.S. Forest Service and a state office hydrologist with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. He holds an M.S. in watershed management/hydrology from the University of Arizona and is president of the newly formed New Mexico section of the American Water Resources Association.

Jesse B. Gilmer has been the Rio Grande Compact commissioner for Texas since 1969. The civil engineer began his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1934. At the USDA, he eventually became administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration and was president of the Commodity Credit Corporation. In 1974 he was named Distinguished Alumnus of New Mexico State University's College of Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer.

Narendra N. Gunaji is the U.S. commissioner designate of the International Water and Boundary Commission. He recently retired after 26 years with New Mexico State University's civil engineering department. He is recognized in the fields of environmental control, hydraulics, hydrology, water resources, pollution control, and energy conservation and utilization. He holds degrees from the University of Poona (India) and the University of Wisconsin.

Michael Hatch is the fisheries management project leader at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. In his 13 years with the department he has worked in the area of rare and endangered species of fish and in game fish management. The nearly native New Mexican received a B.S. in Fishery and Wildlife Sciences from New Mexico State University and an M.S. in biology from Eastern New Mexico University.

Nolan Hester is a staff reporter for the Albuquerque Journal's "Impact" magazine. Although he has been interested in environmental issues since high school, his experience in water resources dates from 1980 when he covered the drafting of Arizona's new ground water code for the Prescott Courier (Arizona). He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Illinois.

Eugene Hinds is the regional director of the Southwest Region of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Amarillo. In his 26 years with the bureau he has served as an agricultural economist, regional director in the Lower Missouri Region, regional director in the Lower Colorado Region and assistant commissioner for planning and operations. The Oklahoma native grew up in northwestern New Mexico.

Monte G. Jordan is the acting state director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. His 24 years of experience with the bureau include the Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program, program development in the Office of Coal Management, and division chief for Coal, Tar Sands and Oil Shale, Washington, D.C. He was born in Dora, New Mexico, and received a B.S. in geology from the University of New Mexico.

Robert L. Knutilla is the district chief of the U.S. Geological Survey/Water Resources Division, Albuquerque. His 35 years with the survey include tours in Michigan, Florida and New Mexico. He graduated with honors from Michigan Technology University with a B.S. in civil engineering. He has 35 technical reports to his credit and received the Blue Pencil Award from the Federal Editors Association for his report "Water for a Rapidly Growing Urban Community--Oakland County, Michigan".

Philip B. Mutz is the interstate stream engineer, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, a position he has held since 1956. He directs the commission's staff in activities that include water resources investigation, litigations, apportionment, authorizing legislation and funding of water resource projects. Previously he was with the Colorado Water Conservation Board and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. He was born in Colorado but grew up on the family ranch in Eagle Nest, New Mexico. He holds a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico.

David P. Overvold has been chief of the water and land division of the Rio Grande Project, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso, Texas, since June 1983. Prior to coming to El Paso, he spent 10 years in the Lower Colorado regional office in Boulder City, Nevada. He grew up in North Dakota, received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University and began his career with the bureau on the Fryingpan-Arkansas project in Salida, Colorado.

Lt. Col. David E. Peixotto is the commander of the Albuquerque District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The West Point graduate previously was the military assistant to the assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works in the Pentagon. His major command assignments include company commander of the 168th Engineer Combat Battalion in Vietnam and executive officer of the 44th Engineer Battalion in Korea. He holds degrees in civil engineering from Stanford University and an MBA from Long Island University.

Steve Reynolds is the New Mexico state engineer. He holds several state offices including secretary of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, New Mexico commissioner of the Rio Grande Compact Commission and New Mexico administrator of the Water Resources Planning Program. He is a member of some 17 advisory committees, which mostly deal with water issues. He has received numerous service awards including the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Conservation Service Award and the J.F. Zimmerman Award for Outstanding Achievement and Unselfish Service to the State of New Mexico and the Nation. He is a University of New Mexico graduate.

William J. Saad is the treasurer-manager of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. He was controller of the district before being named to his present position in 1980. Previously he was the corporate controller of Billy the Kid, an apparel manufacturer in El Paso, Texas. He holds a degree in accounting from West Virginia University.

George William Sherk is a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., specializing in water law. Before taking that position in 1983, he was a special assistant in the Office of Water Policy. Previously, he was staff associate with the National Confederation of State Legislatures where he was in charge of programs in 24 states dealing with energy, science/technology and natural resources. The Missouri native holds a B.S. and an M.S. in political science and natural resources from Colorado State University.

Ray Shollenbarger, Jr. is a private practice lawyer and the attorney for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. He holds a J.D. degree from the University of San Diego.

Steven J. Shupe is a program consultant at Western Network and is a mediator and president of Watershed West, an interdisciplinary consulting network of water resource professionals. After receiving his M.S. in environmental engineering from Stanford University, he worked in the Water and Land Resources Department of Batelle Northwest. He also is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law. In 1983 he was the assistant attorney general for Colorado, representing the state in various areas of water law.

Michael J. Spear is the regional director of the Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, encompassing Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. He has been with the service since 1973 and has held positions as assistant director--planning and budget and as the associate director--environment in Washington, D.C. The San Francisco native received a B.S. from the U.S. Naval Academy and served six years in the Navy's nuclear submarine program before receiving a M.B.A. from Stanford University.

William P. Stephens became New Mexico's first cabinet-level secretary of agriculture in 1978, a position he still holds. That appointment culminated a career that includes positions as a professor in New Mexico State University's agricultural economics and agricultural business department, assistant director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and coordinator of environmental research. He received a B.S. and an M.S. in agricultural economics from the University of Tennessee and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

William J. Stone is a senior hydrogeologist with the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources and is an adjunct associate professor in the geoscience department at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. His research interests include geologic controls of hydrologic phenomena and various aspects of the water budget in arid lands. He holds a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in geology. Previously, he worked with the petroleum industry, in the army's atmospheric research lab and as a university teacher.

Phillip Wallin is the southwest regional manager and vice president of the Trust for Public Land. He is a board member of the Rio Chama Preservation Trust, the Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico and the New Mexico Conservation Voters Alliance. He also has served as the field representative of the Nature Conservancy. The California native holds a B.A. in political science from Stanford University and a law degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Scott D. Waltmeyer has been with the U.S. Geological Survey as a hydrologist since 1974. He has worked in Utah and Montana and has been in New Mexico at the Santa Fe subdistrict office for the past four years. He holds a B.S. in forest hydrology from Colorado State University.